

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

TITLE 2. HEALTH

SUBTITLE B. HEALTH PROGRAMS

This Chapter 50, consisting of Secs. 50.0001 to 50.0102, was added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 413 (S.B. 20), Sec. 5.01.

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See also another Chapter 50, consisting of Secs. 50.0001 to 50.0007, as added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1157 (H.B. 3147), Sec. 2.

CHAPTER 50. SEX TRAFFICKING PREVENTION AND VICTIM TREATMENT PROGRAMS

SUBCHAPTER A. TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

Sec. 50.0001. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Child sex trafficking" has the meaning assigned by Section 772.0062, Government Code.

(2) "Program" means the treatment program for victims of child sex trafficking established under this subchapter.
Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 413 (S.B. 20), Sec. 5.01, eff. September 1, 2019.

Sec. 50.0002. ESTABLISHMENT; PURPOSE. The commission, in collaboration with the institution designated under Section 50.0003, shall establish a program to improve the quality and accessibility of care for victims of child sex trafficking in this state.
Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 413 (S.B. 20), Sec. 5.01, eff. September 1, 2019.

Sec. 50.0003. DESIGNATION OF INSTITUTION; OPERATION OF PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall designate a health-related institution of higher education to operate the program.

(b) The designated institution shall improve the quality and accessibility of care for victims of child sex trafficking by:

(1) dedicating a unit at the institution to provide or contract for inpatient care for victims of child sex trafficking;

(2) dedicating a unit at the institution to provide or contract for outpatient care for victims of child sex trafficking;

(3) creating opportunities for research and workforce expansion related to treatment of victims of child sex trafficking; and

(4) assisting other health-related institutions of higher education in this state to establish similar programs.

(c) The commission shall solicit and review applications from health-related institutions of higher education before designating an institution under this section.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 413 (S.B. 20), Sec. 5.01, eff. September 1, 2019.

Sec. 50.0004. FUNDING. In addition to money appropriated by the legislature, the designated institution may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any public or private person for the purpose of carrying out the program.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 413 (S.B. 20), Sec. 5.01, eff. September 1, 2019.

Sec. 50.0005. RULES. The executive commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to implement this subchapter.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 413 (S.B. 20), Sec. 5.01, eff. September 1, 2019.

SUBCHAPTER B. MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL SEX TRAFFICKING PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Sec. 50.0051. ESTABLISHMENT OF MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) The commission shall establish a matching grant program to award to a municipality a grant in an amount equal to the amount committed by the municipality for the development of a sex trafficking prevention needs assessment. A municipality that is awarded a grant must develop the needs assessment in collaboration with a local institution of higher education and on completion

submit a copy of the needs assessment to the commission.

(b) A sex trafficking prevention needs assessment developed under Subsection (a) must outline:

(1) the prevalence of sex trafficking crimes in the municipality;

(2) strategies for reducing the number of sex trafficking crimes in the municipality; and

(3) the municipality's need for additional funding for sex trafficking prevention programs and initiatives.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 413 (S.B. 20), Sec. 5.01, eff. September 1, 2019.

Sec. 50.0052. APPLICATION. (a) A municipality may apply to the commission in the form and manner prescribed by the commission for a matching grant under this subchapter. To qualify for a grant, an applicant must:

(1) develop a media campaign and appoint a municipal employee to oversee the program; and

(2) provide proof that the applicant is able to obtain or secure municipal money in an amount at least equal to the amount of the awarded grant.

(b) The commission shall review applications for a matching grant submitted under this section and award matching grants to each municipality that demonstrates in the application the most effective strategies for reducing the number of sex trafficking crimes in the municipality and the greatest need for state funding.

(c) The commission may provide a grant under Subsection (b) only in accordance with a contract between the commission and the municipality. The contract must include provisions under which the commission is granted sufficient control to ensure the public purpose of sex trafficking prevention is accomplished and the state receives the return benefit.

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Sec. 50.0053. FUNDING. In addition to money appropriated by the legislature, the commission may solicit and accept gifts,

grants, or donations from any source to administer and finance the matching grant program established under this subchapter.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 413 (S.B. 20), Sec. 5.01, eff. September 1, 2019.

SUBCHAPTER C. SEX TRAFFICKING PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Sec. 50.0101. ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The office of the governor, in collaboration with the Child Sex Trafficking Prevention Unit established under Section 772.0062, Government Code, shall establish and administer a grant program to train local law enforcement officers to recognize signs of sex trafficking.

(b) The office of the governor may establish eligibility criteria for a grant applicant.

(c) A grant awarded under this section must include provisions under which the office of the governor is provided sufficient control to ensure the public purpose of sex trafficking prevention is accomplished and the state receives the return benefit.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 413 (S.B. 20), Sec. 5.01, eff. September 1, 2019.

Sec. 50.0102. FUNDING. In addition to money appropriated by the legislature, the office of the governor may solicit and accept gifts, grants, or donations from any source to administer and finance the grant program established under this subchapter.

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